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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

FOLLOWING REPEAT MONTEVIDEO 1731 ACTION SECSTATE INFO BUENOS AIRES
DIA AND USCINSO 24 MAY 75

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTEVIDEO 1731

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, UY

SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL-.MILITARY CONFRONTATION

REFS: MVD 1723 AND PREVIOUS

1. PRESIDENTIAL-MILITARY CONFRONTATION APPEARS TO BE
MOVING TOWARDS DEFINITION WITH OUTCOME UNCERTAIN. PRES-
IDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY TOLD EMBOFF ON EVENING OF MAY 23
THAT HE EXPECTED PRESIDENT' MEETING WITH MILITARY THAT
EVENING TO BE "DECISIVE". NEVERTHELESS, THAT MEETING DID
NOT PRODUCE AN ACCORD AND WE TOLD NEITHER SIDE WAS IN A
CONCILIATORY MOOD.. MILITARY MAY HAVE FORCED THEMSELVES
INTO A BOX FROM WHICH THEY WOULD WANT TO EMERGE WITH SOME
FORMULA WHICH WOULD LEAVE THEIR PUBLIC AND INTERNAL
POSITOION BASICALLY UNAFFECTED.

2. MILITARY SOURCE TOLD DATT MORNING OF MAY 24 THAT
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THINGS WERE GOING VERY BADLY AND THAT, "TODAY WILL

BE A CRITICAL DAY."

3. MILITARY MEETING EXPECTED TO BREAK SOON, IF IT HAS NOT
ALREADY DONE SO. WILL REPORT ON OUTCOME AS SOON
AS AVAILABLE.

4. IN MEANTIME, FONMINISTER BLANCO DEPARTED MORNING MAY
24 AS SCHEDULED FOR COCHABAMBA FOR EMEETING OF FONMINS
OF COUNTRIES OF CUENCA DE LA PLATA.

5. BORDABERRY DID ATTEND CEREMONIES FOR COL. LATORRE MAY
23. UPONE LEAVING CENTRAL CEMETRY THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL
SPONTANEOUS APPLAUSE FOR HIM AND SHOUTS OF "VIVA EL
PRESIDENTE" AND "DONT WEAKEN". THESE FOLLOWED BY A FE
AND SCATTERED SHOUTS OF "VIVA LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS".
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